

Town of Mansfield
Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – April 26, 2011

Present: Hart, Hultgren, Meitzler, Jackman, Padick, Green (guest), van Zelm (guest), James (guest), Brown (guest)

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.

The minutes of the 3/22/11 meeting were reviewed and no corrections made.

Pedestrian Awareness Campaign – Hultgren will prepare a summary of the proposed effort for Hart and Padick to bring to a Town/Gown committee meeting.

72 Mansfield Road – roadway improvements – no progress. Engineering is working on sketch-plans for railing or attenuators just south of the house.

Pedestrian safety on Route 32 at the Mansfield Town line -- DOT has responded that they will not make pedestrian improvements in this area, but would allow the Town to fund them. No word back yet from WRTD regarding modification of the bus route.

Hillyndale Road, Baxter Road and Hanks Hill Rd traffic concerns – traffic counts are in progress.

Street light at Route 275 and Community Center driveway – there is no light at this location and there should be to illuminate this crosswalk. Hultgren will write CL&P requesting a streetlight for this crosswalk on SNET pole # 249.

Depot Road parking lot use for commuter parking – a letter was received from the DOT requesting additional information on ridership, demand, etc, to help them assess the need for a commuter lot in the Depot village area. Since the focus of staff is currently on the transit requirements and needs for the Storrs Center Development, this additional information will have to be developed later, perhaps when the Storrs Center intermodal center is open and functioning.

Ravine Road traffic concerns – Green was present to discuss her concerns further. Signs have been erected, but a signs on Route 32 and North Eagleville Road directing people to the preferred route to and from UConn are still needed. It was decided to send a request to the state to seek a lower speed limit (15 MPH) on the unpaved section of the road. Hultgren will send a letter/short survey to the Ravine Road residents regarding their opinion about closing off the unpaved section of this road either temporarily or permanently.

Storrs Center Parking Ordinance – Hultgren circulated a draft section to be added to the Town's Parking ordinance. Members are to review it and submit edits to him in the next few weeks. It also will be sent to the Town Attorney for review. Jackman said that towing was covered by state statutes and he would get the relevant sections to Hultgren for reference in the new ordinance.

Stop sign request at Hanks Hill Road and Stone Mill Road – after discussion of the limited traffic and sight distance at this location, the matter was referred to Meitzler for further study and recommendation.

Roots of Development bike event (Sept 19th) – approved subject to the usual conditions.

Storrs Center Construction Traffic Management Plan – Padick and James highlighted the draft construction traffic management plan for the impending projects to be built in Storrs Center which was included with the agenda. After discussion, members agreed that the plan was adequate. The first coordination meeting will take place on Thursday May 12th at the construction area.

Storrs Center Garage and Intermodal Center zoning permit application – Padick reminded Authority members that the Garage and IMC were currently undergoing zoning permit review and that a public hearing was scheduled for May 4th. There were no comments from the Authority members.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
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